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## SKYWARN TRAINING SESSION

The Buffalo and Burlington offices of the National Weather Service, in cooperation with WWNY/WNYF/MeTV stations in Watertown, will be conducting a SKYWARN spotter training seminar at Indian River High School, 32925 Route 11, in Philadelphia, NY on Monday May 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

SKYWARN is a national effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies with an expanding network of trained volunteer weather spotters. SKYWARN spotters support their local community and government by providing reports of severe weather directly to the National Weather Service in Buffalo by phone using the NWS spotter hotline, or by online reporting. The services performed by SKYWARN spotters have saved many lives.

The National Weather Service has a number of devices for detecting severe thunderstorms, including Doppler radar, satellite, and lightning detection networks. However, the most important tool for observing thunderstorms is the trained eye of the storm spotter. By providing observations, SKYWARN spotters assist National Weather Service staff in their warning decisions and enable the National Weather Service to fulfill its mission of protecting life and property. Storm spotters are, and always will be, an indispensable part of the severe local storm warning program.

The basic training session provides a brief overview of the National Weather Service organization and our responsibilities, severe weather safety, and basic severe weather meteorology including how thunderstorms, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flash floods form.

Anyone can become a severe weather spotter for the National Weather Service. SKYWARN training is free and open to the public.

**Registration is required.** The registration form link and more information about SKYWARN is available on the NWS Buffalo website at <http://www.weather.gov/buf/Skywarn>

On the Web:

NOAA: <http://www.noaa.gov>

National Weather Service: <http://www.weather.gov>

National Weather Service in Buffalo: [weather.gov/buf](http://www.weather.gov/buf)

National Weather Service in Burlington: [weather.gov/btv](http://www.weather.gov/btv)